



Great Barrier
Reef Foundation

Dear Reef Colleagues

The Great Barrier Reef Foundation (GBRF) is the lead charity for the Reef with an 18-year history of funding and delivering science and conservation projects for the benefit of the Great Barrier Reef.

We exist for a singular purpose – to ensure a Great Barrier Reef for future generations.

Our success is built on the quality of institutions and people we bring together – harnessing the best knowledge (including Indigenous Knowledge), science and technology to protect and restore this global treasure.

The GBRF recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the Traditional Owners of the Great Barrier Reef. We respect and acknowledge their long, rich and continuing connections to the Reef as a living cultural landscape.

Recently, the Australian Government partnered with the GBRF by investing a landmark \$443.3 million to build the resilience of the Great Barrier Reef. This is the single largest investment by any government towards the protection of the Reef and its Outstanding Universal Value. Over the next six years, this investment will support delivery of the Reef Trust Partnership with project implementation from 2019. We are committed to meaningful and authentic engagement with Traditional Owners in the co-design and co-delivery of the Reef Trust Partnership.

To help us develop our approach in the most appropriate way we are establishing an interim [Traditional Owner Working Group](#) (the Working Group) as a matter of priority. The Working Group will provide critical strategic guidance to the GBRF Executive. Guidance will include advancing the co-design and implementation of the Reef Trust Partnership while the important work of Traditional Owner driven engagement processes and governance under the Reef 2050 Traditional Owner Aspirations project is finalised and made operational.

I am pleased to provide you with the [Expression of Interest Information Pack](#) for the Working Group. I invite you to review this information and - should you meet the criteria - apply for a role on the Working Group. I also encourage you to share this information with other Reef Traditional Owners who may be interested in applying.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Program Manager, Dr Sarah Castine on telephone (07) 3064 0874 or email scastine@barrierreef.org.

Kind regards

Anna Marsden
Managing Director